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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7688  
INFO COMMANDANT NWC WASHDC  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OTRA, NDU, NWC, ICAF  
SUBJECT: NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY TRIP TO VENEZUELA

REF: CARACAS 3129, STATE 067986

1. NWC/ICAF GROUPS' VISIT TO VENEZUELA PROVED HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL IN TERMS OF ACCESS TO LEADING VENEZUELAN CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LEADERS. CONSEQUENTLY THIS ENABLED GROUP MEMBERS OBTAIN USEFUL INSIGHTS INTO CONTEMPORARY VENEZUELA, PARTICULARLY IN REFERENCE TO CURRENT ECONOMIC OUTLOOK AND NATURAL RESOURCE POLICIES WHICH WERE OF PRIMARY CONCERN TO THE VISITING OFFICERS.

2. GOV OFFICIALS WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO MAKE TRIP WORTHWHILE, AND HIGHLIGHT INCLUDED ICAF GROUP MEETING FOR ONE-HALF HOUR MAY 13 WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ WHO GRACIOUSLY AGREED TO RECEIVE GROUP AND ANSWERED THEIR QUESTIONS IN HIS USUAL ARTICULATE AND OPEN STYLE. OTHER IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS FOR BOTH GROUPS INCLUDED COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFING, CALL ON MINISTER OF DEFENSE, LECTURES AND Q & A SESSIONS WITH PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELAN EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION (AVEX) AND RANKING OFFICIAL OF STATE PETROLEUM COMPANY--PETROVEN. VISITING OFFICERS ALSO SPENT ONE FULL DAY ON ORGANIZED TOUR OF GIANT GUYANA  
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INDUSTRIAL (IRON ORE, STEEL AND ALUMINUM), COMPLEX.

3. NWC GROUP DEPARTED FOR GEORGETOWN, GUYANA MORNING OF MAY 13. ICAF GROUP ALSO MET MAY 13 WITH MINISTER OF COORDINATION AND PLANNING, AND OFFICIALS OF THE VENEZUELAN SENIOR WAR COLLEGE (IAEDN).

4. BOTH GROUPS WERE WELL PREPARED AND WE BELIEVE MADE  
POSITIVE IMPRESSION ON THEIR VENEZUELAN HOSTS. OVERALL,  
VISIT SERVED TO REFLECT FAVORABLY ON USG, IN GENERAL, AND ON  
THE OFFICERS CONCERNED IN PARTICULAR.  
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